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8 October 1952

Dear Elmer,

You did not need to go on record with me that you did not give off-the-record data to anyone. I never had a thought you did or would; my faith in your integrity could not easily be affected. I do not think of Mr. Pearson as an ABC representative but rather a commentator on ABC for a sponsor.

It was good of you to come to the meeting and give us the benefit of your wide knowledge.

Faithfully,

W. Bevel Smith

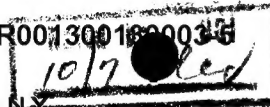
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5 October 1952

Dear Bedell--

At your news conference early last week you expressed the fear that somebody present would disclose the off-the-record stuff to Pearson; and sure enough, somebody did. Since I was the only representative of ABC present, I merely want to state for the record that I didn't do it.

As always,

Col. Gurnea
What -
Elmer Davis
for instance,